

**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 3**

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code, Section 1275 authorizes OSHPD to adopt and enforce building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and correctional treatment centers.

Health and Safety Code, Section 129790 authorizes OSHPD to propose building standards for correctional treatment centers in cooperation with the Department of Corrections, Board of Corrections and Department of Youth Authority.

Health and Safety Code, Section 129850 authorizes OSHPD to propose building standards, as necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act.

Government Code, Section 11152.5 authorizes a state department to adopt regulations pursuant to the Government Code. Regulations with are building standards, must be adopted pursuant to State Building Standards Law of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 18901).

Summary of Existing Regulations

The OSHPD currently enforces the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 3, 2004 California Electrical Code (CEC) with California amendments relating to requirements for health facilities.

Summary of Effect

This proposal will amend the CEC to clarify that requirements for skilled nursing facility construction also apply to "distinct part" units included on a hospital license and units within hospital buildings. Additionally, it will specify that the pressure monitoring alarm systems for negative pressure and positive pressure isolation rooms of a hospital or correctional treatments center must be on the critical branch of the essential electrical system.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations that address the requirements of this proposal.

Small Business Affect

The proposed regulations will not have an impact on small businesses.

Policy Statement Overview

The OSHPD adopts Title 24, Part 3, CEC requirements for hospital, skilled nursing facility, licensed clinic and correctional treatment center construction. The proposed regulations amend Article 089-7 administrative provisions of the CEC to clarify the application of OSHPD's statutory authority. Additionally, proposed amendments will provide clarification that the pressure monitoring alarm systems in negative pressure isolation and positive pressure isolation rooms should be connected to the critical branch of the essential electrical system.